Death of Indian workers in foreign countries

436. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians who died while working in foreign countries during the last three years, showing the country of death and also the cause of death in each case;

(b) the action taken by the Indian Embassies in the respective countries in case of unnatural death of Indians;

(c) whether Government are aware that the relatives of the dead persons living in India face lot of hardships in bringing the body to India; and

(d) whether Government would entrust the job of sending the dead bodies to India to the Indian Embassies abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected from Indian Missions and Posts abroad and will be laid on the table of the House.

Foreign Secretary level talks with Pakistan

437. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the Foreign Secretary level talks with Pakistan in January 2006, India presented two non-papers to Pakistan for an understanding not to develop new posts or defence works along the Line of Control and holding Brigadier/Commander level meetings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Pakistan's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan held in New Delhi on 17-18 January 2006, India handed over two Non-Papers to the Pakistani side. One Non-Paper is on an understanding on not to develop new posts and defence works along the LoC, and the other Non-Paper is regarding holding of Brigade Commander level flag meetings. The Pakistan side accepted the two Non-Papers for consideration.